Attachment 1

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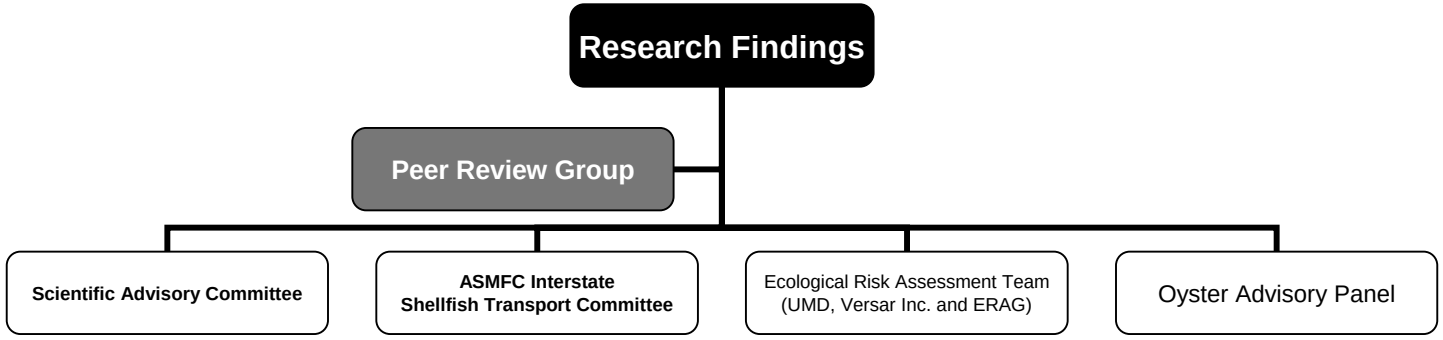
Oyster EIS Peer Review Plan

Figure 1. Influential Scientific Information



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EIS Component

Responsible for Peer Review

Provide technical support

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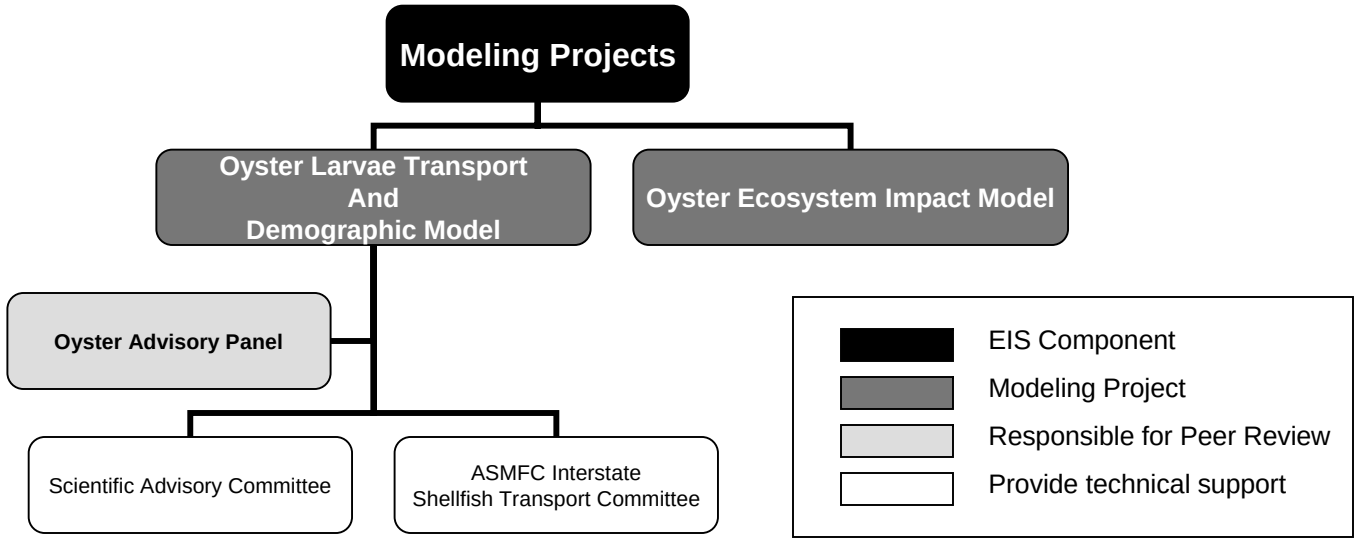
Figure 2. "Highly" Influential Scientific Assessments



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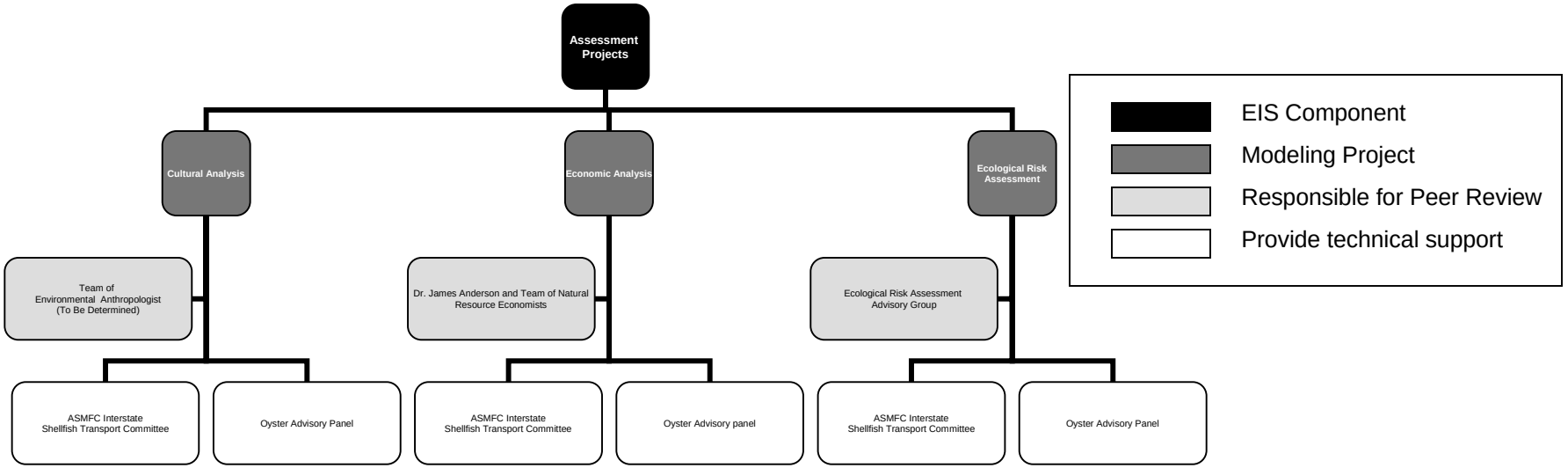

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Figure 4. Oyster Advisory Panel

•NEPA documents (i.e. Environmental Impact Statements) are not subjected to the OMB peer review guidelines. However, an Oyster Advisory Panel has been established to review the Draft EIS. The Panel's charge includes:

- **Review the adequacy of data and assessments used to identify the ecological, economic, and cultural risks and benefits, and associated uncertainties for each EIS alternative;**
- **Provide advice on the degree of risk that would be involved for each EIS alternative if a decision were made in 2005 based on the available data and assessments; and**
- **Recommend additional research, and associated timeline, that could be obtained to reduce the level of risk and uncertainty.**